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Sen. Dodd Hit by Fulbright

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Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D., O.) charged yesterday that "a methodical effort" was made in Senate Committee hearings to show that the United States improperly intervened in the Dominican Republic.

Sen. Lausche made the statement as differences within the Senate Foreign Relations Committee over its inquiry into U.S. involvement in the Dominican Republic flared on the Senate floor for the second straight day.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) charged that a background pamphlet prepared for the committee quoted exclusively from press sources that were critical of the Administration policy.

Committee Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) said the Connecticut Senator was not qualified to criticize because he had attended only one of the committee's 13 hearings on the subject.

Sen. Dodd replied yesterday in a Senate speech: "I don't think it is fair that I be

subjected to a personal attack for expressing my legitimate views."

He said Sen. Fulbright had not answered the substance of his charge.

"I shall not withdraw from it, I'm glad I made it," Sen. Dodd declared.

Sen. Fulbright said he was not personally criticizing Sen. Dodd but "just showing the emptiness of his charges."

Sen. Lausche said Sen. Dodd had placed his finger on the issue, regardless of how many meetings he had attended.

"My conclusion (from attending the meetings) was that there was a methodical effort made to show that we improperly entered the Dominican Republic," Sen. Lausche said. (UPI)